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The following, non-exhaustive lists of dissertations on African diaspora archaeology and related history studies were compiled by Chris Fennell. Archaeology dissertations are listed for the period since September 2008. The September 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 issues of the *African Diaspora Archaeology Newsletter* provided similar compilations of dissertations for the period of 2000-2008. History dissertations are also listed below for the period since September 2008, with a focus on studies addressing aspects of past social structures, social networks, the built environment, material culture, and impacts of racism. If you are aware of other recent dissertations, please email me, and I will include the information in a future newsletter edition. The dissertations listed below are doctoral theses, unless otherwise indicated, and are listed in chronological order by year and then alphabetic order by the author name within each year. Abstracts are available online from the UMI/Proquest service.

Archaeology

The Akpinis and the Echoes of German and British Colonial Overrule: An Archaeological Investigation of Kpando, Ghana, by Ray Wazi Apoh, Ph.D., State University of New York at Binghamton and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

From Farms to Forests: The Material Life of an Appalachian Landscape, by Jodi A. Barnes, Ph.D., American University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

Race Histories: Colonial Pluralism and the Production of History at the Sylvester Manor Site, Shelter Island, New York, by Katherine Hayes, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

Functional Analysis of Probate Inventories and Archaeological Materials of the Lick Creek Community: An Antebellum Midwest Biracial Community, by Jeffrey L. Laswell, M.A. thesis, Department of Anthropology, Ball State University, 2008.

From Infancy to Death? An Examination of the African Burial Ground in relation to Christian Eighteenth Century Beliefs, by Ruth A. Mathis, Ph.D., University of Massachusetts Amherst and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

An Archaeology of West African Atlanticization: Regional Analysis of the Huedan Palace Districts and Countryside (Benin), 1650-1727, by Neil L. Norman, Ph.D., University of Virginia and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

Resilience and Adaptation of Trade Networks in East African and South Asian Port Politics, 1500-1800 C.E., by Rahul Chandrashekhar Oka, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Chicago and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

Imprints: An Archaeology of Identity in Post-Apartheid Southern Africa, by Sven Ouzman, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

Archaeological Survey of Settlement Patterns in the Banda Region, West-central Ghana: Exploring External Influences and Internal Responses in the West African Frontier, by John N. Smith, Ph.D., Syracuse University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

History

Anthony Burns and the North-south Dialogue on Slavery, Liberty, Race, and the American Revolution, by Gordon S. Barker, Ph.D., College of William and Mary and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2009.

Engendering Lynching: Women Activists and Victims of Lynchings and White Mob Violence in the United States, 1837-1946, by Trichita Marie Chestnut, Ph.D., Howard University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2009.

Competing Realities: Black Southern Marylanders and their Quest to Shape Freedom in "Loyal" Maryland 1860-1880, by Sharita Elizabeth Jacobs, Ph.D., Howard University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2009.

River of Injustice: St. Louis's Freedom Suits and the Changing Nature of Legal Slavery in Antebellum America, by Kelly Marie Kennington, Ph.D., Duke University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2009.

Freedom Promised, Freedom Told: Black Women's Narratives of Emancipation and Reconstruction, 1861-1892, by Janaka Bowman Lewis, Ph.D., Northwestern University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2009.

On the Frontier of "Freedom:" Abolition and the Transformation of Atlantic Commerce in Southern Sierra Leone, 1790s to 1860s, by Philip R. Misevich, Ph.D., Emory University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2009.

Fugitive Testimony: Race, Representation, and the Slave Narrative Form, by Janet Eileen Neary, Ph.D., University of California, Irvine and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2009.

Sunup to Sundown: Plantation Management Strategies and Slave Work Routines in Barbados, Jamaica and Virginia, 1776-1810, by Justin Roberts, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2009.

Shackled in the Garden: Ecology and Race in American Plantation Cultures, by Britt Marie Rusert, Ph.D., Duke University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2009.

Translating the Transatlantic: West African Literary Approaches to African American Identity, by Kelly O. Secovnie, Ph.D., State University of New York at Albany and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2009.

African/Native American Cherokees: The Politics of Ethnic Identity, by William J. Ware, Ph.D., Union Institute and University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2009.

Abolitionism Matters: The Politics of Antislavery in Pernambuco, Brazil, 1869-1888, by Celso Thomas Castilho, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

Americans in the U.S. South and Mexico: A Transnational History of Race, Slavery, and Freedom, 1810-1910, by Sarah E. Cornell, Ph.D., New York University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

***Class, Culture, and Color: Black Saint-Dominguan Refugees and African-American Communities in the Early Republic*, by John Davies, Ph.D., University of Delaware and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.**

***Ports of Slavery, Ports of Freedom: How Slaves used Northern Seaports' Maritime Industry to Escape and Create Trans-Atlantic Identities, 1713-1783*, by Charles R. Foy, Ph.D., Rutgers, State University of New Jersey - New Brunswick and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.**

***Raising Cane: Sugar, People and the Environment in Nineteenth-century Antigua, West Indies*, by Edith Gonzalez-Scollard, Ph.D., City University of New York and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.**

***Slavery Reform in Virginia, 1816-1865*, by Gerardo Gurza-Lavalle, Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.**

***"Bury me in a Free Land": African-American Political Culture and the Settlement Movement in the Antebellum and Wartime Midwest*, by Jennifer Rebecca Harbour, Ph.D., University of Iowa and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.**

***Reconstructing Somerset Place: Slavery, Memory and Historical Consciousness*, by Alisa Y. Harrison, Ph.D., Duke University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.**

***The Colonization Movement in Indiana, 1820-1864: A Struggle to Remove the African American*, by Racquel L. Henry, Ph.D., Indiana University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.**

***Negotiating Public Landscapes: History, Archaeology, and the Material Culture of Colonial Chesapeake Towns, 1680 to 1720*, by Michael Thomas Lucas, Ph.D., University of Maryland, College Park and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.**

When the Ancestors Speak: Preference in Captive African Ethnicity and Labor in Colonial Colombia, 1525-1820, by James C. Mauer, Ph.D., Howard University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

The American Front Porch as a Lieu de Memoire in African American Literature, by Charles McKay, D.Litt., Drew University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

Forgotten Masters: Institutional Slavery in Virginia, 1680-1860, by Jennifer Bridges Oast, Ph.D., College of William and Mary and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

Rationalizing Reproduction: Race, Disease, and Fertility in the British Caribbean and the Atlantic World during the Age of Abolition, 1763-1833, by Katherine Paugh, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

Black Mosaic: The Assimilation and Marginalization of Afro-Peruvians in Post-abolition Peru, 1854-1930, by Robert L. Sanchez, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

Against all Odds: Slavery and Enslaved Families in the Making of the Antebellum Chesapeake, by Jack Lawrence Schermerhorn, Ph.D., University of Virginia and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

Soil and Slaves: An Environmental History of Northeastern North Carolina, 1584-1860, by Robert S. Thompson, Ph.D., University of Houston and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

Slavery and Religion in the Atlantic World: A Comparative Study of Christianity's Impact on Identity Formation among Slaves in Colonial Spanish and British America, 1530-1800, by Terri A. Turigliatto-Fahrney, Ph.D., Saint Louis University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.

Enslaved Africans in New England, 1638-1700, by Wendy Anne Warren, Ph.D., Yale University and UMI/Proquest, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 2008.